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VERY MOMENT MATTERS!



IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU ALL BACK! After, what we are sure has been, a very busy summer, we are delighted to welcome you all back to Perran-ar-worthal School where we have been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled and got back into the routine of the school day. Pupils have been proudly showing off their new shoes, new bags, new uniform and we have enjoyed getting to know lots of new children. Catching up with friends and getting used to being another school year older has brought a lot of excitement and energy. With a little bit of sunshine throughout the first week back, it couldn't be a happier place to be part of—we really have missed the children and the joy they bring to the job that we do. We hope you enjoy seeing a little insight in to the first week of a new academic year at PAW school. Enjoy!



Busy classrooms with happy children.



Messy painting that we love to do.



Checking in with our younger siblings on the first day at big school.



Dressing up for role play and practical maths in the free flow area.



Making our teachers smile with our amazing writing.

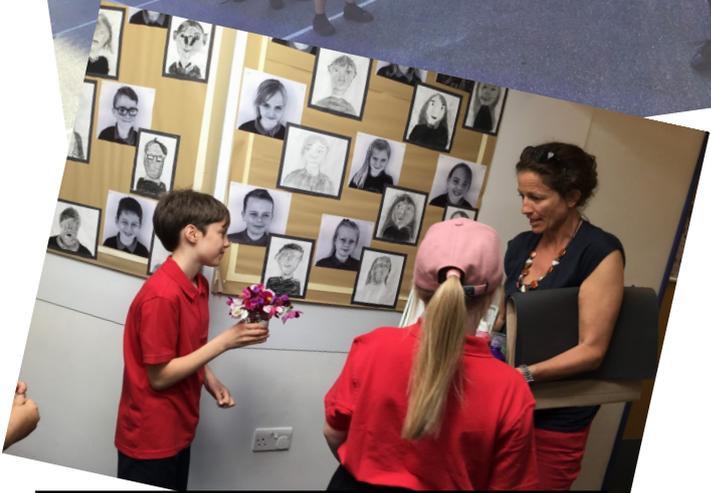


Building and bouncing!



Spending time having fun and chatting to our friends.

Skipping on a major scale!



Flowers from the grow zone for the teachers.



The grow zone has just carried on blooming over the summer!



Busy classrooms—happy children—happy teachers.



Back in the dining hall and getting our lunch for the first time.



Feeling so grown up eating our lunch together with our new friends.



It's been a busy first week in big school for our new little Puffins, but they have all learnt so much about what school is all about and have continued to make us smile with their many questions. Well done to our youngest and newest pupils—you are all STARS!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT CAN HELP TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL? THEN READ ON!!!

KEEP CALM
AND
BECOME A
SCHOOL
GOVERNOR

We have two parent governor vacancies coming up! If you are interested in finding out more about what being a parent governor involves, before you have your name put forward, then there will be a chance for you to meet with the Chair of Governors, Headteacher and a current Parent Governor on **Wednesday, 6th October at 6pm**. Please give your name to Miss Deakin if you are interested in attending this meeting. If you are not able to make this date and time but you are still keen to find out more, then please do get in touch and we can arrange for you to pop in for a chat. This link will take you to the governance area on the school website where you will find some useful information:

<https://perran-ar-worthal.eschools.co.uk/website/governance/432855>

Please also read the comments from our current parent governors on the next page, to gain some insight in to what life is like as a parent governor at Perran-ar-Worthal School.

All our parent governors would be delighted to chat to you about their role so please do feel free to get in touch with them using their contact details listed on the next page.

We very much look forward to hearing from you and possibly see you joining us on our school improvement journey over the years to come!

Perran-ar-Worthal School

Parent Governor

At Perran-ar-Worthal School, we strive to make 'Every Moment Matter' in every aspect of school life. In October, we are looking to appoint two new Parent Governors to join our team.

Want to find out more about what a Governor at P-a-W does? Get in touch with our Parent Governors!



Mike McCandless

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I joined the board of governors as a parent governor in 2018 to make a contribution to my local community. I had zero knowledge of how a school was run but my experience of working in the commercial world has been useful. I have learnt a great deal, got to know the school staff better and really enjoy working with my fellow governors. Parent governors get the chance to be involved in all aspects of school governance and I am currently helping to map out the Vision, Ethos and Strategy of the school for the next few years. Interesting stuff! Feel free to give me a call if you would like to get involved and have any questions.

I joined the governing body at PAW school as an associate governor in 2015, was selected as a co-opted governor in 2016 and have just started my second term. I have two children currently at the school and one at Penryn College. Being part of such a positive, cohesive team of people who all relate to the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, has been a very rewarding experience and it has been incredibly interesting to become familiar with the way the school and education works and to be able to contribute a parent viewpoint to discussions and to contribute to keeping our wonderful school wonderful. It was and still is a steep learning curve, but this has been supported with appropriate local and school-lead training. My areas of governance are around Pupil Premium, which mainly involved monitoring how the Pupil Premium funding is used by the school to help our 'disadvantaged' pupils, and around Creative Arts including the application for ArtsMark awards for the pupils. I would be more than happy to discuss the intricacies of this role via e-mail, on the phone or at the school gates/park!



Chris Anderson

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Whilst a parent of children at the school, I am a co-opted governor having not been selected directly during parent governor elections in 2018. I was asked to join the governing board to fill a vacancy after it was felt I could add the wide range of experiences and strengths held by the 12 board members. The board members are very diverse, all with specific strengths and backgrounds, that come together to provide an effective sounding board for the school leadership team, to oversee strategic decision making and set the longer term direction of the school. Whilst some have intimate knowledge of education, others have none. I feel the greatest assets a governor can have is the willingness to listen, learn and evaluate the information provided and to engage, challenge and contribute to the discussions. Governors who are parents have a unique perspective as to how the school provides for the children and general thoughts and views of parents as a whole, and can provide great insight for the board as a whole during discussions.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a governor, being part of the Premises, Personnel and Finance committee due to my career as a chartered surveyor, it has been very interesting and fulfilling to see how the board supports the school and helps shape the role the school plays in the wider community. If you are considering applying as a governor, please do contact me if you'd like to chat about the role further.



Susie Matthews

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A WONDERFUL GROUP OF WILLING VOLUNTEERS WHO PUT THE 'FUN' IN FUNDRAISING AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN?



Who are we?

Friends of Perran-ar-Worthal School (FOPS) are a group of ordinary parents with an extraordinary mission—to make our fantastic little school a better place for all the children to thrive and learn.

What do we do?

We plan lots of fundraising activities throughout the year including quizzes, discos, bingo, auctions, Christmas market stalls and fayres which all the family can enjoy and which help to raise money to buy equipment and pay for school trips. The children benefit from every penny we raise.

What have we recently provided?

The money we have raised so far has provided for the children:

- Outdoor learning shelter
- New library furniture
- Whole school trips to the Eden Project
- Cooking equipment
- Trim Trail
- Fish tank

How often do we meet?

We usually get together every 6- 8 weeks for a couple of hours to plan events and activities.

When are we meeting next?

On **Monday 20th September at 7.30pm** the Friends of Perran-ar-worthal School (FOPS) team will be having the FOPS AGM in person **at the school**? It would be great to see some new faces to join the team. No huge commitments are needed from anyone, just a hello and a willingness to help out with the fundraising events we will be planning. We look for-

We need

YOU!



ARE YOU A CREATIVE PERSON? DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND MAKING THEIR DAY EVEN MORE SPECIAL? THEN COME AND JOIN US ON A FABULOUS FRIDAY!

We would like to invite any parents or grandparents to come and join us as volunteers on a Fab Friday on a regular basis i.e. every Friday!

If you have a talent for (or just a simple interest in) cooking, painting, gardening, forest school etc etc etc then this could be the perfect end to your week!

We run our workshops every Friday and we are keen to get you involved as much as possible so that you too can enjoy the creative day we all love in our busy week.

Regular helpers even get to wear a Fabulous Friday T-shirt! Now if that won't get you volunteering, we don't know what will!!!

If you are interested then please pop in to see Miss Deakin in the office (or email or dojo message us) and let us know what you would be interested in helping with.

We look forward to seeing you join our Fabulous Friday crew!

